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NOTE AND COMMENT

There have been no further Oriental outbreaks at the Coast but there is no cessation of interest in the situation that has been created. The question that the Canadian government has been called upon to consider involves issues as large as any that have ever arisen in the history of the Dominion.

On the one hand, if British Columbia's demands are not satisfied, there are those who go so far as to say a secession movement will be begun in that province. "If by being a part of the British Empire" it will be argued out on the coast, "our ideas as to the prohibition of Oriental immigration cannot be enforced, why not throw in our lot with the country to the south, the government of which seems disposed to keep the yellow fellows out." Mr. J. T. Clarke of Toronto Saturday Night, who has recently returned from British Columbia, expresses his fear that this will be the next development.

On the other hand, the gravest international complications may follow an ill-considered response to the agitation. It is no small thing to disturb the relations, as friends and allies, of Great Britain and Japan. Further than this, there is the possibility of stirring up a general anti-occidental movement in Asia. It should not be forgotten that these Hindus, who are the object, along with the Japs and Chinese, of the dislike of the British Columbians, are British subjects. If justice is not done them and through prosecution a bond of Asiatic feeling is established between them and the people of Japan and China, Britain may before long have to face another crisis in her Indian Empire.

These considerations are surely weighty enough to prevent precipitate action. At such a juncture as this, it is a matter of profound regret that so many dangerous demagogues are to be found in positions of influence. For instance, Mr. McPherson, the member for Vancouver, a few days before the Vancouver riots, remarked that unless something was done there was apt to be another Boston tea-party out at the coast. He now publicly deprecates that rioting was resorted to, but whether his regret is sincere or not, the fact remains that it was such utterances as this of his and such methods as he has countenanced that have led to the trouble.

Mr. McPherson's principal journalistic supporter is the Vancouver World. Listen to what it had to say, even after the rioting had occurred. After regretting in general terms the violation of the law, it added:

"At its worst, however, the mob which surged through the Asiatic quarters was a good-natured mob and was easily handled by the police. Having, in a spirit of mischief more than anything else, satisfied the deep-seated grudge which the average white man has against the oriental by breaking all the windows in sight, it made no attempt to go further. There was no disposition to assault the persons of the orientals and tall Sikhs and little Japs passed among the crowd without molestation, even when the excitement was at its greatest. True, there was one or two collisions between pardonably excited and valorous Japanese and some of the offenders but no significance can be attached to these."

A newspaper could hardly go further in truckling to the forces of disorder without coming out definitely on their side. "The spirit of mischief" of which The World speaks so lightly is what overturns governments and sets one world power at defiance with another.

The truth, however, seems to be that the riot was a much more thoroughly organized and much less frivolous affair than the World

represents. Mr. W. J. Graves of Edmonton, who was in the coast city at the time, states that the mob deliberately carried out its work of destruction. The parade of the anti-Asiatic league was advertised and the police should never have allowed it to take place. The stores and residences of the Orientals were riddled with stones and bricks and their contents destroyed. Is it any wonder that those attacked should have rushed to secure arms and that a pitched battle on the city's streets has been threatening? What if instead of the scene of all this being Vancouver, it had been some Chinese or Japanese city and the editor of the World had been one of the English residents attacked by an Asiatic mob? What would he, what would have the citizens and the newspapers of English-speaking countries have thought of "the spirit of mischief" thus manifested?

The hope of the situation is in the moderation being shown by the Japanese authorities. While they will undoubtedly insist on due reparation being made to Japanese subjects, it is evident that they will lend all the aid in their power to prevent large Japanese immigration to British Columbia in the future. They are anxious to keep their people at home or in the countries contiguous to Japan, where a hold may be kept upon them.

The bitterness of the feeling which has been aroused over this question had led a contemporary to recall that when the Japanese were engaged in their work of reconstruction, which has borne such remarkable fruit in recent years, they appointed a commission to investigate the effects of Christian teachings on Christian society. If Christianity had anything to offer them they wanted it. But, sad to relate, the commission returned after studying the situation in Europe and America, and reported that while the ideals of Christianity might be higher than those of their own religions, there was a greater conformity between preaching and practice in Japan than there was in the Christian communities visited.

Their own ideals might not be so high, but the Japs who people came nearer to realizing them than the Christian people did theirs.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's opponents are to-day drawing a very different picture of him from that which they presented to the country five years ago. From the time that he acceded to power till the day on which he snuffed out Mr. Tarte as a political light, we were told that the Premier was a lath painted to look like iron, a genial figure-head, without force of character, swayed here and there by this and that "master of the administration." But read what the Winnipeg Telegram had to say the other day: "The suave cavalier" it declared, "becomes the domineering despot, with those who know him intimately. He is a ruthless tyrant, this Premier Minister of ours. He plays always for his own hand, as his nearest aid can testify. When, as will be the case in the near future, he has plenty of time for reflection in private life, he may come to the conclusion that the spurious geniality of the platform, and the British drawing room and club, might better have been replaced by gratitude towards men who carried his banner, fought his fights and sustained his drooping spirits on the many occasions when, as opposition leader, he was ready to quit the battlefield."

The occasion for these strictures is Sir Wilfrid's act in passing over certain of his supporters in parliament in filling the recent vacancies in his Cabinet. Even the disappointed ones will hardly be deceived by the Telegram's crocodile tears. A weak leader at such a juncture would be likely to accept the men on the spot, rather than give offence to them. Such policy would be very convenient for his opponents. But Sir Wilfrid does not believe in sacrificing his party to the cause of friendship.

President Hays of the Grand Trunk Pacific, when in Edmonton



MR. JUSTICE BECK

For the first time in the history of the city, a member of the Edmonton bar has been elevated to the Supreme Court. That Mr. Beck would go on the Bench before very long has been generally accepted for some time past and his appointment does honor to the government making it. In no sense does it come as a political reward, for Mr. Beck has been no politician, in the ordinary meaning of the word. It is purely as a result of his legal attainments that he has been placed in the high and responsible position that he will in future occupy. He is still in the prime of his years, having just touched the half-century mark, and should have a long period of useful activity ahead of him.

The new judge is a Westerner of many years' experience. Educated in Peterborough and at the University of Toronto, he commenced the practice of his profession in Winnipeg in 1883, in partnership with the present Mr. Justice Prendergast of Saskatchewan. In 1889 he moved to Calgary, being associated with the Lougheed firm. Two years later he came to Edmonton, where he has built up a very large and lucrative business.

As city solicitor he has steered the municipality over many dangerous pitfalls and the loss of the services of a man of his experience in civic problems will be sorely felt. In the affairs of his profession at large he has been most active and has been for some time past the President of the Territorial Law Society.

Personally, the new judge is a man of rare social and intellectual gifts. He is a thorough lawyer, has always looked the part, and will do the same for that which he is now assuming. But his interests are by no means confined to the work of his calling. As a good citizen and a good friend, as well as a brilliant practitioner, he will receive the warmest congratulations of all with whom he has come into contact.

this week, stated that the next time he visited the city he would come in over his own line. This being the case, we are not merely using the language of politeness, when we say we hope Mr. Hays will come again soon. His visit, it might be mentioned, is timed for next spring or early next summer. As there is every indication that the C.P.R.'s direct line from Winnipeg to Strathcona will be completed as soon as the G.T.P. is ready to make its appearance, the year 1908 should mark a great change in the city's relations with the outside world. Little or nothing has been heard for some months regarding the negotiations in respect to the C.P.R. entrance. We were told that they were progressing satisfactorily. This being the case, should not some announcement be due?

The cold weather of the end of last week, which was accompanied by a snowstorm from Lacombe south to the boundary, was a disappointment to those who had hoped that the backward summer was to be made up for by an exceptionally open autumn. But the complaints that are heard are, strange to say, very largely confined to the people in the towns and cities. The farmers are very far from pessimistic. Considering the disadvantages that they in common with the rest of the members of their calling throughout the continent have been working under, they expect that the results will be satisfactory. The high prices paid for their produce will more than compensate them for any losses sustained through the vagaries of the weather. Various estimates are being made as to the total production of the west. Just at present it is difficult to see how these can be very accurate. But of this we may be certain that Alberta will make a showing as a grain producing province away beyond that of other years.

We might advise those who are disposed to complain about conditions

in the west and to blame one of the best countries the sun ever shone on for difficulties which no country can at all times avoid to read what appears on another page regarding this year's crop conditions in Ontario.

The offer made by a Mr. Cronin, acting for George Balfour C.E., an English contractor and capitalist, to purchase the Edmonton street railway has attracted wide-spread attention. Mr. Balfour would reimburse the city for the work that has already been done in the construction of the line on condition of receiving a workable franchise. The money would be paid over in thirty days.

Mr. Balfour timed his proposition admirably. The city is in need of money, just as every other municipality on the continent is, and the wherewithal is not in sight for the completion of the system. The consequence is that many citizens have advised the immediate acceptance of the offer. It is strange how a temporary financial stringency changes ideas in regard to municipal policy. What has become of all the enthusiasm of a year ago for the cause of municipal ownership? The Saturday News hopes that the council will not act precipitately in the matter. The policy under which the construction of the line was undertaken by the city was not adopted hastily. The information that was obtained regarding the experience of other places was all favorable and there was every indication that the success which had been achieved elsewhere could be repeated in Edmonton. The present tightness of the money market will not last indefinitely. The city's credit is good and before long the means will be at hand to complete construction. Why not, in the meanwhile, leave things just as they are? No serious loss will be felt through having to do without street railway facilities for the time being and when the financial clouds have lifted the city will

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THE TOWNSMAN WHO TURNS UP HIS NOSE AT THE HAYSEED.

A Stirring Letter on the Vital Relationship of Town and Country in Alberta by Mr. E. N. Barker.

To the Editor Saturday News.

Dear Sir, — Your article upon "The Farmer's Importance to the Country" is most opportune, for it would seem that we have too great a tendency to split the different camps, viz., the so-called business men and the farmers. At present one and all are waiting for what? The outcome of the crops, and if the crops are bad the first man to feel it is the business man. Yet the blessed hayseed when he comes to town should be considered of no account and a pigeon to be cleanly plucked of all there is to be got out of him. Penny wise and pound foolish as a glance will show! Skin the farmer and impoverish him and he goes back to the farm and has to skin and impoverish his farm, and then next year produces less and of inferior quality. These cases multiplied impoverish our country and we obtain by degrees an inferior race of farmers who become poorer and poorer. Their children are imperfectly educated and things go from bad to worse and the whole country goes down. If we want to see misery in its most perfect form and the result of the impoverishment of the farmer let us take a trip to the Southern States, i.e., to some parts of them, where the white population or rather a certain proportion are growing up without any school privileges and the darky is obtaining what the white man cannot have, for he, the darky, shifts about not being a real estate owner whereas many whites remain stationary and there is not enough money to pay for schools for the young.

For many years to come Alberta must be looking for a steady revenue and where is it to come from?

Minerals will provide a good deal but they consume a great deal of capital and take time before the minerals can be brought to market. In the meanwhile the farmer is filling up the country and growing exports to bring money back to the province and must be upheld and to a certain extent looked after, for it is impossible for men to work brain and muscle at the same time. That is to say that when a man is tired physically he is not always in shape to cope with the sharp city man, who has nothing else to do but look for snaps and whose whole time is employed in looking for snaps.

The functions of a government are still in a state of evolution by which I mean that the human race is not yet quite assured, nor has it yet thought out to perfection, what a government should do and what a government should not do. But it is evident that our ideas upon these matters are changing. Paternalism carried to excess should weaken a nation but a touch here and there, where we see a weak spot, can do no harm and may do an incalculable amount of good. And, as you say, the Board of Trade of a large local town should interest itself in the welfare of its rural population just as much as in the welfare of the townspeople who live off the rural population. When you want a man to lay eggs you feed him and look after her. When you want a cow to give milk you also pay attention to that cow's comfort, and if our townsfolk do not know this much about natural history it is time that they learned.

We have had a furious snowstorm and a great deal of the money of the country and the welfare of all of us is crushed and buried out of all recognition. Thousands of dollars worth of wheat in the Southern country was ripe and fit to cut long before the snow came, but stood to meet the ruin that came because of insufficient labor to care for the crops. Did we hear of any Board of Trade in our towns doing anything except write a few letters on the subject? Organization and a

little money spent would have brought men out and saved us thousands, may be millions. Our government tried but our Boards of Trade could have been a great deal more busy. They say the Farmers' Associations should have been up and doing but these same farmers were driven as never before and bringing them to meetings was wasting their time when they could be cutting grain. What is good for one of us is good for all and we shall progress in degree as the ratio of public work is distributed amongst us for the common good. Utter selfishness and pursuing one narrow path to get rich, defeats its own end. Lots of labor has been concentrated in Calgary, Edmonton, and other places this summer that could have been profitably utilized if scattered out, but these new-comers lacked the information which nobody gave them.

We must take care of our farmers as we would of a hive of bees if we expect to gather honey. A large part of the time of our townsfolk in this western country is spent in lying around waiting for trade while the farmer is busy. This time might, some of it, be well spent in looking after a few things the working bees require, and we could at least organize in the towns information bureaus and employment agencies and get to work bringing in labor in time to save our crops. We are inclined too much to ask our government officials to do things that can be easily attended to locally. Sweep in front of your own door and let every man on the street do the same and the street is clean.

We should have had experimental farms long ago, for though such a farm may not always tell you what to do it will usually be found that at an experimental farm you can learn what not to do and thus save a heap of time and money. The working farmer has too much to do to take up his time in the experiments you describe.

It surely is one of the functions of a government to organize an information bureau and publicity bureau, where could be gathered statistics required by business men and others who come to the country to invest money. Most of this knowledge is handed out by sharks and dealers, and those looking for investments have to hunt them up themselves and take chances.

If we aim at administrative efficiency locally as well as in government centres, deal honestly with one another, put big thieves in the pen as well as little ones, open up our markets, regulate our railroads, arrange rates on a fair medium of profit to the railroad as well as to the shipper, expedite traffic, insist upon sufficient equipment according to the means of the company, and see that the farmer gets fair play we shall make of Alberta a good country. Our most crying needs are more labor at a moderate price and better transportation, also at prices that should be as low as they can be made and give the roads a fair chance also to prosper and build. Extending the time of the expiration of charters and subsidies should be done away with for good and all. No purely speculative company without money should be allowed to hold the rights to build a railroad over any part of the country if it has no capital to work with and no money to build with.

We pay the highest freight rates of any portion of the Dominion, in Alberta and Saskatchewan, i.e., outside of the mountains. How long is this going to last? Still we cannot expect roads to run at a loss but are these things sufficiently studied and understood by the man on the street? The business man gets better rates than the farmer, does not worry as much, and the storekeeper adds it on the bottom of our bills.

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The Investor

AN OLD LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE MAN ON CALL

The Saturday News is indebted to Mr. H. A. Donovan of Cardston for a letter on a subject that is being widely discussed at present but is little understood. Mr. Donovan was for an extended period a member of the London Stock Exchange and it is first hand information which he supplies. He writes as follows:

"We continually see by the papers that the Canadian banks have something like 80 millions of dollars out on call loans in Wall Street. Is this good finance? A call loan is almost always a speculative loan. A man wishes to buy a certain stock for the price in place. He buys we will say, 100 shares of some stock which he thinks is going to rise. He gives his broker \$1000 which protects him in case of a 10 per cent drop in the price. Should the stock drop 10 per cent the transaction is closed. Now this is a very simple transaction as far as the buyer and his broker are concerned, but let us see how this transaction affects the banks. When the purchaser of the 100 shares on which the buyer can only pay 10 per cent is made, the broker makes a call loan with a bank giving the shares as security for the money advanced with the 10 per cent as margin. Now this kind of a loan may be and is good enough security for the banks in normal times when interest is low and things are generally going smoothly, but, what is likely to happen in case of a sudden drop in stock values? Stock shares sometimes drop too suddenly for the brokers to be able to close their accounts at the loss of only 10 per cent. We have seen how some shares dropped as much as 40 per cent this year. When interest is high on call loans it shows that numerically large amounts of stocks are held for speculative purposes and this is a very dangerous time for banks or any other people to lend money on call loans. The stock market is a very sensitive thing and one stock lacking in price affects others, should these stocks go below a certain point, the speculative accounts must be closed, and the margins are wiped out. This means that an enormous quantity of stock is thrown in on the market at once, and a panic is very likely to ensue. Where would the Canadian banks with their 80 million dollars be in a case like this. I have endeavored to show here the kind of security that the great financial magnates of Canada seem to prefer to investment in their own country, a country which is urgently in need of money for its development. To put this more forcibly the Canadian banks with their call loans, seem to be in the position of the proverbial monkey pulling the chestnuts out of the fire for a lot of Wall Street speculators to fatten on.

STRICTER COLLECTIONS THROUGHOUT THE WEST.

The financial editor of the Winnipeg Free Press makes a forecast for the coming year that is of such decided interest to every man doing business in the Canadian West that it is reproduced in full:

"It is very evident that during the coming fall there will be a great effort made to make credit shorter and to enforce payment of old debts. There are quite a few indications that point in this direction. The jobbers of Winnipeg will be pressed by the manufacturers to meet payments promptly. This is not a merely arbitrary movement, but one which the manufacturers are forced to take, because of the keener demand and the curtailment of lines of credit extended by the banks. A prominent citizen of one of the western towns has just returned home from a considerable stay in Toronto and he confided to the writer the result of some of his interviews with prominent eastern men, those who are well known as commercial men and also those regarded as authorities in the financial world. From these men he procured information that convinced him that the money stringency was not by any means

confined to the west. In the east all classes of business men were feeling the effects of tight money just as acutely as the western business man. This means that if the manufacturer of the east is to keep the wheels of industry moving he will require cash for the goods he turns out; if not cash, then payment for his wares upon much shorter terms. If the seller has to pay promptly he will have to exact prompt settlement from the storekeeper. This means that the country store will have to give shorter credit to the farmer.

The banks are not now looking for patrons. There is business for them all and employment for all the money that the public entrust to their care in the form of deposits. Under conditions of this kind it is not likely that they will be keen to extend credits. In fact, it looks as though this present money stringency will go a long way to put business in the west, generally speaking, on a more systematic basis—a basis more like that which obtains in Dakota, Minnesota and also eastern Canada. Credit is given there but the terms are much shorter than those common here.

Conditions, in the Canadian West, can hardly be said to have wholly passed the pioneer stage. Thousands of settlers with and without capital, are finding their way into our new territory in advance of railways or of reasonably good wagon roads. At the pioneer line conditions are likely to arise that call for special consideration. The banks carrying on here, however, form an inconsiderable part of the whole volume when compared with that done with the cows and the pigler settlements of the west. The whole of the trade constitutes a big volume now compared with that of a few years ago and it must be remembered that the capital employed in carrying it on has not grown proportionately. The inevitable consequence must be that collections will have to be enforced and credit terms will have to be shorter.

"We intend making our agents pay up and they will have to make the farmers pay. We cannot depend on the banks carrying us over as in previous years," said one manager to the writer. He was in the same mood as others. They are afraid of the banks and they recognize that the banks can only go so far in the extension of credit. From careful enquiries made it is evident that large institutions of this kind will this fall make an effort to be less dependent on the banks. Circumstances also are regarded by them as favorable for so doing. A good crop is assured and a crop that will cost less to handle this year than last. Moreover, the tight money has already indicated greater economy and carefulness on the part of the public generally. The land speculation fever has abated and more attention is being paid to productive work. Resources are being better placed to pay their debts. Viewing conditions in this light, the business public look with confidence to a good fall—one in which a load of debt will be paid off and one which will be followed by the healthier condition of shorter credits and better relations between various classes of the business community. The prudent husbandman will have an eye to the future and will urge himself to pay any debt that hangs over his head. Signs of the times point to rigorous collections during the coming winter.

DAWSON TO EDMONTON DIRECT.

Mr. G. M. Gibbs, manager of the Bank of Commerce at Dawson, who recently arrived at Vancouver, had an announcement to make that is of vast interest to Edmonton. As it does not come from a dreamer, of whom there are many in the West with varied schemes in their heads, but from a leading official of one of our big financial institutions, it is of the greatest significance. Mr. Gibbs states that the English owners of the Klondike Mines Railway are preparing for an extension

of their line to Edmonton; and regarding the gold output this year, declares it will not exceed four millions.

"This," said Mr. Gibbs, "is due to the extensive preparations being made for hydraulic placer mining next year. The operations will be on an enormous scale and the output in the early future will surprise the world."

Regarding the extension of the Klondike Mines Railway, Mr. Gibbs states that its director, Mr. R. A. Lowther, passed through Vancouver on Thursday en route to New York. Later he will visit Ottawa to interview the Government, not for a subsidy, but for the Government's endorsement of the railway's bonds. If the Government has the faith in Greater Northwest that the English owners of this road have already shown in the expenditure of several millions, Mr. Lowther does not think the Government should hesitate in endorsing the bonds.

The project has been endorsed by Commissioner Henderson, and the Dawson Board of Trade, and will, if carried through, open up an enormous tract of country, and should be a paying investment from the start, as from 700 to 800 miles north of Edmonton there is as good a wheat district as any place in the Northwest provinces.

The railway will run from Dawson across the Stewart River country, down by the Great and Lesser Slave Lakes, tapping the Mackenzie district, and reaching Edmonton a distance of 1400 miles.

THE PROPOSED NATIONAL BANK.

A very large number of Albertans have in recent weeks received copies of the prospectus of the National Bank of Canada, very handsomely printed and holding forth hope of large returns to those who become shareholders. The presiding genius of the enterprise is the irrepressible Mr. F. H. Macleod, who was also responsible for the launching of the much-discussed Western Canaries Ltd., which it was expected would locate in Medicine Hat. The refusal of the city council to give a by-law subsidizing to \$20,000 stock in the concern its third reading has made this somewhat doubtful.

The Monetary Times, which gave attention to the Western Canaries, has discussed the National Bank. Here is part of what it says:

"The National Bank has a past, indeed, so involved is its career, that it requires no little ingenuity to determine where one bank begins, and another ends. Some time ago, those responsible for the National Bank attempted to float the Agricultural Bank of Canada. Several Western men obtained a charter for this institution, changing the name to the Colonial Bank.

The disposal of the stock was the next important point. Several

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After Tonnysyn and After the Supper.

Colloquy between "the last survivor" and a plain-clothed policeman.

"Comrade! you are faint a little; you are feeble in the feet: Take my arm; and if you love me, keep the middle of the street."

"I have travelled east, for teaching: I have wandered West, for fun: And I hold the doughty walrus daintier than the railway bun."

"But a mouth of tougher metal, or capacity for more, in a self-supporting Christian, I have never seen before."

"I would sooner stand a Templar banquet, say, for sixty-two, Than a single liquor-luncheon for a lime kiln such as you."

"Gay the city; dull the country? right you are, my noble peer! Stay in Edmonton an evening than a fortnight in Red Deer."

"Home? you're none. Your name? forget it: second cousin to an earl? Sober? dazed with sorrow—jilted by a shallow-hearted girl?"

"Never heed her! devil speed her. Wed a nigger. Let her go. On the other side of Jordan, to the 'town of Jericho!'"

Thus he spoke: to whom the other—overcoat and pantaloons Moving to the muffled music of the clinks of silver spoons:

"Wed a nigger? Well, I never! sounds, sir! such astounding Would revivify a dodo, and would drive the dumb to speak!"

"Were you not a man of mettle, every muscle like a flail, I would hang you, I would draw you, and would quarter you—in jail."

"Ho! you whistle! dream me drunken? and some whistling thief replies: Silence! 'tis no whistling matter, pal, or peeler in disguise!"

"Which? who knows! these tunes? deceitful, when the plain policeman plays Aesthete, tailor, masher, sailor—shadowing? I suppose it pays 'T, to masher a thick-skulled humbug, three times blacker than my hat?"

"I must ask you, sir! this instant, to apologise for that."

"I, to wed a howling savage, with a louder howling sire—I the much respected leader of the first Calgarian choir?"

"I—but such a thought is madness—I, a masher and a swell, To prefer a swarthy savage to an Edmontonian belle?"

"Friend! if I have drunken deeply, there is truth I hold, in wine: And the water-wets of solon are as soap suds as to mine."

"Alas! I land of guile! my Province! where the faithless and the cheat Drive their buggies to Strathcona, and their lovers to despair!"

"I will leave thee, tho' it grieves me: I will alope beyond the sea, To some clime where courteous canons tolerate polygamy."

"I will strike my tent to-morrow: I will sail for foreign parts, To some fit and proper climate for a Bachelor of Arts."

"I will move away, by moonlight: I will dunnily disappear, By the first Pacific liner, sailing anywhere from here."

"For I see a land of promise looming in the rosy west, Where policemen vex no longer, and the weary are at rest."

"See a land that looms with plenty, where champagne like water flows."

But the prison rig approaches—looming likewise—and he goes!

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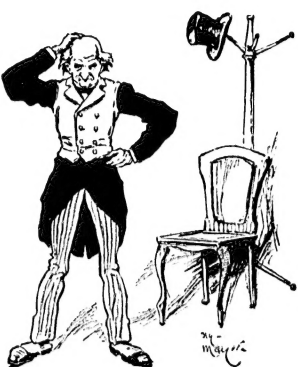
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The Week in Calgary

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The Subway Question—Rev. Mr. Clark's Courage—Need of School Accommodation.

Calgary, Sept. 18.

From an actual business standpoint, the suggestion of a C.P.R. official regarding the subway question is worthy of very serious consideration. In place of the 60-foot subway at Second street east and a fight to a finish over First street east, the suggestion of the divisional superintendent is to put in a wide subway, 100 feet in width, midway between these streets. They would give 60 foot approaches to this, on both the north and south side of the track, from both Second and First street, and would also donate to the city and between the angles of the approaches. In lieu of this, the company would ask that the present streets be closed between Ninth and Tenth avenues.

In actual land surface in the matter of grades and drainage (both very important), in the saving of damage to personal property, and in the resulting appearance of the block the city would gain. Viewed in a purely commercial aspect, the city would have practically nothing whatever to lose by making the deal. The thing that is causing municipal men to hesitate is the fact that the C.P.R. would also gain a great deal by the transaction.

They, too, would save the cost of a fight over First street. They would gain in track space, both for the freight sheds and the passenger traffic at the station. And they would have to build only one subway (though a much larger and handsomer one than any of the others), whereas if the city fights long enough it is pretty certain to win out regarding the subway at First street. In an honest effort to balance up the accounts, it seems as if the railway company stands to gain just as much, and a little more, than the city would.

Which makes the suggestion of Alderman Samis' a very pertinent one. Let the C.P.R. throw in a good central site for a municipal library, and call it a deal. The company can do it all right, and wouldn't be losing anything in the transaction if it did.

It's to be hoped the suggestion will be argued fairly and given the consideration by the city that it's worth. If Calgary can make a good deal in the matter, why not do so? We're up against it for a library site, and it's worth while to try to settle two very important questions at the same time. There's no reason why we should always be suspicious of a proposition because it emanates from the C.P.R. What benefits the city will benefit the company and the latter knows it. On the other hand, what benefits the company will often benefit the city—but there are a lot of pig-headed people in this town who don't know that.

One of Calgary's greatest needs at the present moment is increased school accommodation. The inadequacy of the present buildings has been demonstrated, since the schools re-opened, to a finish and away beyond it. Every school and every room is over-crowded, a number of children have been sent home already; the truant officer is of no benefit to the noble work of education because there's no place to put the jail-breakers when he catches them, and still new pupils come swarming along. "Who feels a thirst for knowledge in Helicon may slake it," proves Helicon to have been a very different place from Calgary. Fortunately Helicon isn't in Alberta—there might be a migration from this fair city for a while if it were.

The situation can be relieved, and therefore it must. Hire church basements, pitch tents, rent flats over stores, corral the vagrants in skating rinks—do anything! except admit that this city cannot do its duty in the education of the children.

Leaving all other considerations out of the question, the call made upon the city by the existence of such a large foreign population in its midst is strong enough to make the board of education get out of their offices and hustle around till sufficient school room is provided. It is imperative that these European immigrants be gotten into the schools—they ought to be encouraged to do so rather than hindered by lack of room. If we are going to weld this homogeneous mass of humanity into a worthy Canadian citizenship, their education in the language of the country, its geography and history, and above all their Education—abstract, and unqualified—must not be neglected. It's the greatest and most effective means toward this end—and are going only speaking, the only means. And still we slumber and sleep! Wonder if the school board thinks the smart way in which it puts that high school law through is going through from further duties for the rest of the year? Get busy, gentlemen—it's up to you.

The immediate erection of temporary place buildings in Hillhurst

and Riverside is the simplest way in which to solve the problem. The opening of the Normal school place eight rooms at the disposal of the board, which, with what they have at present, will be sufficient for the district on the north side of the track. After the two frame buildings mentioned above are finished, get at the extensions to the east ward and Victoria schools. And after that, look out for the south-west. Don't you think this advice is cheap, at the price for a copy of The Saturday News?

One further remark—who was it said that the census taken in July was a fake one, that it wasn't accurate, and all that? Whoever it was might just consider the increased attendance at Calgary's public schools, and then own up that this city actually has a population of Twenty Two Thousand.

For a period so long that it requires a memory, similar to that of the oldest inhabitant to recall when it began, the waterworks committee have these rates—rather, manufacturing new ones. They're getting on, of course, and will probably have a schedule ready for council pretty soon. But the whole operation is a rather argument for the necessity of a commission.

To a large extent, the work is clerical, and to just as large an extent it requires expert knowledge of conditions. It isn't fair for any set of unskilled men to have this work on their hands. Added to the fact that it is an imposition is another fact—it opens up the temptation to the alderman to recompense himself for his term by getting a special reduction in the kind of rate that will affect him. The world is moving on, and the day has passed when city fathers could have on their hands such detail work. Let them rather criticise a schedule after proper officials have drawn it up.

The utterances of Rev. Mr. Clark, of Knox Church, last Sunday evening in a sermon on "Stephen the Historian," with regard to the present attitude toward the New Theology, were remarkable in their strength and candor. Mr. Clark is showing a fearlessness and a horizon which are warmly commendable. Knox Church is to be congratulated on having in its pulpit a preacher of Mr. Clark's prophetic insight into and valuation of modern movement of thought. His claim that it is the business of every Christian "to catch the message of the New Theology, is to hear it carefully, to examine it thoroughly, and to accept it in so far as it enlarges our conception of God and increases our love for our fellows," will, we suppose, be received with a very ill grace by self-appointed champions of what should be called fundamentalism but is popularly styled "orthodoxy." One sentence in Mr. Clarke's sermon deserves to become a classic: "It has always been us it was Stephen the time—the most devout man is called heretic, agnostic, infidel and blasphemer, because he is devoted to realities and indifferent to mere appearances." Men have too long apologized for the expression of the religion of the teacher of Nazareth in terms of modern thought. The attention given by Mr. Clark's sermon shows that the pen is ready for an aggressive movement, and that tactics of pure defence may now be dropped in many congregations.

The Investor.

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gentlemen visited London and Paris for this purpose. The organization funds became exhausted. Additional indebtedness was incurred. And the stock sold out. The British investor would not entertain the proposal, for the very good reason that he thought a substantial amount of the stock should be paid up by the Canadian shareholders.

At this point Mr. F. H. Malcolm stepped into the financial arena and offered to promote the new bank. He has now issued his prospectus, a literary and monetary curiosity, scared with extreme optimism and wonderful statistics. In the meantime the bank has been organized, and the prospectus is an invitation for money to promote a ten million dollar bank, which has no charter. Several members of the old committee, who were induced to become associated with the organization of the Agricultural and Colonial Banks, are not responsible for the issue of this new prospectus. It would seem that the appearance of the National Bank of Canada has been undertaken by Mr. F. H. Malcolm on his own private prospectus. The more one peruses its literature the more one wonders from what founts of knowledge its organizer obtains his information. He estimates the newcomers into Calgary, for instance, at 100,000 per year. Three hundred thousand would be nearer the truth. Again, it is said that, "for some reason or other, Canadian Banks hitherto have never been looked upon with favor in European centres." This is an

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The versatility of Mr. F. H. Malcolm, broker, secretary, and organizer of the National Bank of Canada, is a strong feature of his personality. Those who know the A. H. C. of banking matters could never conscientiously place their confidence in a bank organizer who has been mixed up with the founding of three or four enterprises, a sewer pipe company, a distillery, and other concerns, the history of which affords food for interesting reflection and much comment.

H. L. Edmonds, manager of the Bank of Commerce at Inland, has been promoted to the manager's desk at Fernie, B.C. Mr. Edmonds was a good citizen of Inland and among other things was very busy as a director of the Agricultural Society.

The Albertan reports Calgary's schools so crowded that children have been refused admission to classes.

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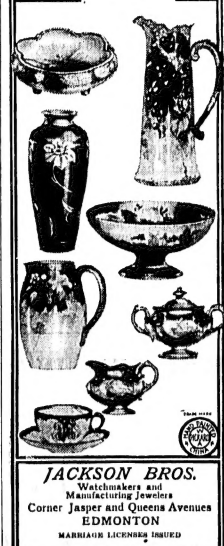
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PERSONALIA

The report that Mr. K. W. Mackenzie was to become land agent at Edmonton was confirmed when Inspector Leech arrived in the city this week and installed him in office. Mr. Mackenzie's retirement to the realm of officialdom is a great loss to Edmonton. For three years he was Mayor of that city and in 1902 President of the Board of Trade, while in a score of other ways, since he came to Edmonton as Principal of the High School twelve years ago, he was active in promoting the city's interests. Public office with him was not merely a public honor. Whether at the head of a body like the council or the Board of Trade or as merely one of the rank and file he was a never tiring worker and for the years of service which he has given them the citizens are under a debt of gratitude to him.

Mr. Hays and Mr. Morse of the G.T.P. on their visit to Edmonton this week were accompanied by a large party which included: Mr. Alfred W. Smithers, London, England, vice president of the Grand Trunk Railway company, and director of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway. Mr. Smithers represents President Sir Charles Rivest, who has been unable to visit Canada this year. Mr. Smithers is accompanied by his son, Mr. Herbert Smithers. The other members of the party are Messrs H. Deer, assistant secretary Grand Trunk railway, London; A.B. Atwater, assistant to president Grand Trunk western lines; H.B. Kelliber, chief engineer of Grand Trunk Pacific railway; G.B. W. Caye, assistant to vice president and general manager G.T. Pacific; D'Arcy Tate, assistant solicitor G.T.P. railway; D.O. Winter, general superintendent; D.E. Galloway, private secretary to Mr. Hays; N. Kinsella, private secretary to Mr. Morse.

The fears expressed by Mr. Harrison, the English scientist, on reaching Edmonton from the Arctic a few weeks ago, regarding the fate of the Anglo-American polar expedition, have fortunately not been realized. The American Geological Society of New York has received a despatch from Edmund Mackle and Ernest Leffingwell, the joint commanders of the expedition, which was dated at Dawson on September 10. The explorers reported that the sledge trip north of Alaska covered five hundred miles of sea ice and they crossed the edge of the continental shelf twice. Their soundings, taken fifty miles off the Alaska coast and beyond, were made to a depth of 2,000 feet, but found no bottom. Next year, they reported, they will continue the exploration of Beaufort Sea, surveying the coast and making geological and ethnographical studies.

Prof. C.A. Chant, a distinguished Canadian physicist and a member of that department at the university of Toronto, passed through Edmonton this week on his return to Ontario after a visit to the Lick Observatory in California.

Sir Walter Hazell ex-M.P., one of the leading printers of the United Kingdom, spent some time in Calgary this week.

Among the extracts from the Winnipeg Free Press of twenty years being published in the Free Press of the present, the following item appeared a few days ago: Lethbridge, N.W.T., Sept. 5.—The election for the Northwest council for Macleod district took place today, the candidates being F. W. G. Hamilton, of Macleod, and C. F. P. Conybeare, of Lethbridge. At the close of the polls stood: Lethbridge, Conybeare, 147; Hamilton 12, Macleod 183, Conybeare 1; Pincher Creek to be heard from.

In connection with the death of the Earl of Dunmore in England the Winnipeg Telegram recalls that Dunmore Junction on the Canadian Pacific railway, is named after him, and the now flourishing town of Moose Jaw owes its name to him through very peculiar circumstances. At this spot he met the wheel of his Red river cart with the jawbone of a moose he had shot and the Red Indian, who called it the place where "the one-eyed white chief mended his cart with the jawbone of a moose." This was shortened into "moose jaw." Lord Dunmore had lost the sight of one of his eyes in a sporting accident, hence the name bestowed on him by the Indians.

The Regina West announces that Chief Justice Wetmore of Saskatchewan will remove to that city from Moosemin and make his home with his son, Mr. Allan Wetmore, who is the Regina manager of the Imperial Bank.

Several important shifts among Albertan bank managers are reported. Mr. O. U. McKicking of the Union Bank, Lethbridge, has been transferred to North Winnipeg, being succeeded by Mr. A. R. Anderson of High River. Mr. W. G. Lynch of the Pincher Creek branch of the Bank of Commerce, who is a brother-in-law of Mr. Vernon Barford of Edmonton, goes to McLeod, Mr. A.

W. Lamour of Winnipeg succeeding. Mr. E. A. Fox of the Ponoka branch of the Commerce goes to North Battleford.

A despatch from Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, reads: "Rev. S. W. Gamble, of Olds, Alberta, Canada, has accepted of challenge of the State Adventist association which was made in this city a few weeks ago, to produce a text from the Bible proving the right to observe Sunday as the Sabbath. As soon as the Adventists have deposited their \$1,000 reward in a local bank Rev. Gamble says he will come here and not only prove that Sunday is the Biblical Sabbath, but also prove that Saturdayism is totally un-Biblical and unhistorical."

Sonator G. W. McHugh of Lindsay, Ont., is making a tour of the west at present. He was in Calgary at the first of the week. Another visitor to the southern city was Mr. Hugh Nickel, superintendent of the Kingston street railway.

Messrs G. C. and H. Heintzman, the well-known piano manufacturers were in Edmonton on Tuesday.

At the meeting of the Canadian Medical Association in Montreal Dr. R. D. Sanson and Dr. Dow of Calgary were respectively elected vice president and secretary for Alberta.

Mr. F. L. Wilson, son of the Hudson's Bay factor at Fort Vermilion, reached Edmonton on Sunday after a two years' absence.

Joseph E. Atkinson, of the Toronto Star, accompanied by his accomplished wife, who figures in journalism as "Mudge Morton," spent a day in Edmonton last week. Mr. Atkinson is in full charge of the Star, in fact it is important that he controls the stock of the paper, which is today one of the best paying in the Dominion. Mr. Atkinson began his career as a journalist in Port Hope, Ont. From there he went to the Toronto Globe and then to the Montreal Herald. On these papers he served in an editorial capacity but when he went to the Star he took charge of the business end and it was soon apparent that Atkinson was making this thing daily a financial success something it had not been prior to his time. Today it has the largest circulation of any evening newspaper in Toronto. Mr. Atkinson was greatly impressed with Edmonton.

Richard Brown, head of the well known wholesale stationery house of Brown Bros., Toronto, was in the city during last week. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter.

The Townsman Who Turns up his Nose at the Hayseed.

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Most of our troubles and abuses could be removed if we studied the problems and removed the causes quietly and without violence. The coming race is not satisfied to wait till hereafter for a good time but wants some of it now and is going to have some now. The farmer is the backbone of our country and should not be made simply into a beast of burden for their own work deteriorates. The British Isles supply the whole world with superior stock and continue to hold the market. How? Why because they have been supported by the most prominent people in the isles even to the King himself, one of the best stockmen and breeders of all time who really understands the subject. Dukes, Marquises, Earls, etc. have ever been in the lead, so why should the millionaire or the city business man turn up his nose at the hayseed. The British farmer has been looked up to and has been the friend and associate of the biggest people, and has produced what cultivated tastes required and—has the world's market at his feet for his live stock.

In Alberta we wish to be renowned for our products and should all help to elevate our farmers who then can do the best work and produce the best products. Skinning the farmer means skinning ourselves.

The legislation on this continent has largely been of late years in the interests of what is called business interests and the townspeople. The merchant obtains a lower freight rate than the farmer. Why? The banker supports the merchant but turns the farmer down. Why? Should every man's hand be against the producer. If you eat the wings off a honey bee he ceases to gather honey.

J.C.D.

Rev. G. W. Kerly, B.A., pastor of the Calgary Methodist church was returned from an European trip. While away he had the honor of being introduced to His Holiness the Pope.

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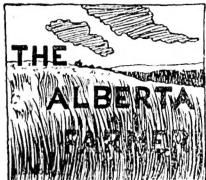
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organ of the Alberta Farmers' As-
sociation, but the latter is only re-
sponsible for the views which are
expressed in this department of the
paper. While the publishers are
thoroughly in sympathy with the
objects of the A.F.A., it is mani-
festly unfair to ascribe opinions
which are expressed in other parts
of the paper, dealing for the most
part with matters which have no
direct connection with agriculture
and which would reasonably be ex-
pected to give rise to controversy,
either to the officers or to the mem-
bers of the Association.

OBJECTS OF THE A. F. A.
(Extract from the constitution of
the Alberta Farmers' Association.)
This Association is not a political
organization nor does it purpose en-
dorsing the policy of any political
party nor the candidature of any
politician and the object of the As-
sociation shall be—

- (1) To forward the interests of
the producers of grain and live
stock in every honorable and
legitimate way.
- (2) To hold meetings for the dis-
cussion of subjects of interest
to the production of grain and
live stock, and the best means
of marketing the same.
- (3) To encourage the production
of superior varieties of grain,
and the breeding and rearing of
improved stock.
- (4) To encourage the establish-
ment of industries which will
give the producer greater fac-
ilities for marketing his pro-
duce.
- (5) To obtain by united effort
profitable and equitable prices
for farm produce.
- (6) To watch legislation relating
to the farmers' interests, par-
ticularly that affecting the mar-
keting and transportation of
farm produce.
- (7) To suggest to Parliament
from time to time as it is
found necessary through duly
appointed delegates the pass-
ing of any new legislation to
meet changing conditions and
requirements.

The officers of the A.F.A. are as
follows:

President Joshua Fletcher; Vice-
President, Thomas H. Woolford,
Cardston; Secretary - Treasurer,
W. F. Stevens, Clover Bar;
Directors, George A. Ball,
Strathcona; Rice Sheppard,
Strathcona; Henry Jamieson,
Red Deer; George Macdonald,
Olds; T. W. Harris, Raymond;
E. N. Barker, Cardston.

Freight rates per bushel on
wheat, oats and barley from the fol-
lowing points to Port William and
Port Arthur.

Via C.N.R.—		
From	Wheat	Oats
Edmonton -	-	-
Strathcona -	15.00	8.50 12.00
Fort	-	-
Saskatchewan	-	-
Vegreville -	-	-
Vermilion -	14.40	8.16 11.52
Lloydminster -	-	-
Morinville -	15.00	8.84 12.48
Stoney Plain -	-	-
Via C.P.R.—		
Edmonton -	-	-
Strathcona -	15.00	8.5 12.00
Wetaskiwin -	-	-
Red Deer -	-	-
Didsbury -	-	-
Calgary -	14.4	8.5 12.00
Oroville -	15.00	8.84 12.48
Macleod -	14.4	8.5 12.00
Pincher Creek -	15.00	8.84 12.48
Lethbridge -	13.8	8.16 11.52
Raymond -	17.4	10.2 14.4
Cardston -	18.00	10.54 14.88
Clareholm -	15.00	8.84 12.48
High River -	15.00	8.84 12.48
Stettler -	16.20	9.18 12.96
Daysland -	16.20	9.18 12.96

The terminal elevators charge 2
cent. per bushel for elevating and
cleaning including the first 15 days
storage, and 2 cent. per bushel for
storage during each succeeding 30
days or part thereof.

The rule of the trade is that the
shipper is allowed ten days free
storage, that is to say, if he sells his
product within ten days of its en-
try into storage, the buyer pays the
storage, after that time the storage
is paid by the shipper. The addi-
tional charges are forty cents, and
twenty five cents, respectively, per
car for grading and weighing.
When advances are made by commis-
sion men it is customary to charge
at the rate of 6 per cent on these
advances from the time they are
made until sale is effected on be-
half of the shippers.

About Town.

The Conservative rooms on How-
ard street, next to the Saturday
News office, are now open, and are
expected to prove of no inconsider-
able advantage in connection with
party organization as well as afford-
ing a convenient and comfortable
meeting place for the members.
Mayor Griesbach delivered a stirring
address on the history and traditions
of the party at the opening of the
rooms last Friday night. Dr. H. R.
Smith presided and other speakers
were: A. Williams, Taylor, J. D.
Hymnman, president of the Provin-
cial Conservative association; J. C.
F. Brown, president of the district
association; H. L. Landry, vice pres-
ident of the provincial association;
G. W. R. Almon, past president of
the local association. Messrs Black-
burn, Brunton, Bourchier, Perkins
and Morrison.

The Grand Lodge of the Elks for
Alberta met at the Yale Hotel on
Tuesday night. The reports pre-
sented showed the marvellous growth
that the Order had attained in its
year of existence in the province.
It has now over a thousand mem-
bers and new lodges are constantly
springing up. The officers of the
year were chosen as follows: Grand
Eminent, Wm. B. Somerville, Som-
erville, Edmonton; Past Grand Master,
A. G. Austin, Calgary; Grand Lec-
turing Knight, A. H. McKeivn, Cal-
gary; Grand Secretary, M. F. Olive,
Calgary; Grand Treasurer, J. I. H.
Morris, Edmonton; Grand Chaplain,
W. R. Dobbin, Lethbridge. The next
meeting will be held in Banff in
August, at the banquet in the
evening at the King Edward Grand
Excelsior Hotel. Somerville, who has
been warmly congratulated by his
friends on his elevation to that high
office, presided. In addition to the
Grand Lodge officers, Hon. C. W.
Cross spoke, responding to the toast
of the province.

The Society which has been organized
for the study of outdoor life has
elected the following officers: Patron
Premier Rutherford, Hon. president,
Hon. Mr. Finlay, President, J. A.
Fife, First vice president, Dr. Re-
ville, second vice president, Prof.
H. R. Smith, Treasurer, Mr. Scott; Coun-
cils, James McCaig, B. A., Miss Mary
Young, Mr. Carr. At the opening
meeting Mr. McCaig, in his invita-
tion to the society is largely due, gave a
most inspiring address dwelling on
the advantages to be derived from
systematic nature study.

The Moral Reform League is mak-
ing extensive preparations for tak-
ing a census of the city for the
purpose of showing that the popula-
tion does not warrant the granting of a
license to the Yale Hotel.

A Galician workman named John
Danyluk slipped into the river at
the Clover Bar Bridge this week
and was drowned.

McDougall Church has decided to
postpone the construction of the new
church building for another year
but plans will be taken to enlarge
the present edifice.

EDMONTON MARKETS

On the local markets the receipts
are very light, and prices are ruling
higher for wheat and oats. Oats are
selling on market square at 50 to 60c
per bushel.

Elevator prices.
No. 1 Northern wheat, 85c bus;
No. 2, Nor. wheat, 82c per bushel;
No. 3, Nor. wheat, 78c per bushel;
lower grades, 60c to 75c per bushel;
No. 1 White Oats 34c. per bushel;
No. 2 white oats, 33c per bushel;
No. 3 white oats, 32c per bushel;
Feed barley, 35c per bus; malted
barley, 45 to 50c per bushel; No.
N.W. Flax, \$1.25 per bushel.

HAY.
No old hay. Short supplies of
new hay.

Ruling prices about as follows:
Baled Hay in car lots—
Slough, \$7 to \$10 per ton.
Upland, \$10 to \$14 per ton.
Timothy \$12 to \$17 per ton.
By the load on market square, new—
Slough, \$7 to \$10 per ton.
Upland, \$12 to \$16 per ton.
Timothy, \$16 to \$20 per ton.
Coal, \$4.50 to \$5 per ton.

Flour, Retail.
Local patent \$5.00 per cwt.
Strong Bakers, \$2.75 per cwt.
Manitoba, best patent, \$3.30.

PRODUCE MARKET.

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ter, slow sale.

Potatoes.
Old potatoes off the market.
New potatoes, 35c to 40c per
bushel.

LIVE STOCK
Receipts of hogs are becoming
more liberal with a tendency toward
a slightly lower range of values.
Cattle are becoming more plentiful.
Cattle, live weight—Steers, 3c
per pound; Cows, 2 1/2c per pound.
Live hogs, heavy, 5 1/2c per pound;
light and medium, 5 1/4c to 5 1/2c per
pound.
Live sheep 6 1/2c per pound. Veal
calves, live weight, 4 to 5c per lb.
Veal calves, dressed, 6 to 8c per
pound.

POULTRY
Live Turkeys, 15c per pound.
Dressed, 18 cents per pound.
Spring chickens, 18c per pound.
Old hens, live, 12 1/2 cents per
pound.
Old hens, dressed 15 cents per
pound.

WINNIPEG.
Winnipeg, Sept. 19th
The wheat markets have shown
considerable strength during the
past week, not equally strong every
day, because in present conditions
there is a large speculative element
and prices have become so com-
paratively high that whenever the strength
of the market causes further
advance, plenty of traders are tem-
pted to sell and secure profits on
what bought and this usually
causes some set back. But the
strength of market comes from a
sure source, the prospect of the
short supply caused by partial fail-
ure of crops, and although the mar-
kets ease back at times for a little
while, as if they might easily con-
tinue to decline, they quickly re-
cover and reach out to a little higher
figure. After being dull yesterday
and closing weak they opened stron-
ger again today and today's closing
prices were the highest closing
prices this year. Yet the advance on
the week is only equal to 1 1/4 cts
to 2 cts in the United States markets
and 5-8 cts to 1 1/4 c in our Winni-
peg market. The export demand for
wheat and flour is very large and
good and will continue so. The
weather over the west while not very
favorable has been mostly dry for
a week and allows harvest work
to progress and a little new wheat
is beginning to move from the
earliest districts. Owing to the de-
struction of grain by frost and bad
weather our western crop is going
to be a very short one and not much
of it high quality. Oats and barley
are strong and have advanced 3 cts
on oats and 5 cts on barley. Flax is
also higher for immediate delivery.
Today's Winnipeg prices are: No. 1
Nor, 103 3/4; 2 Nor, 101 1/4; 3 Nor,
97 1/4; No 4 wheat 94 1/4 spot, or
en route and futures closed at 103.
For Sept., Oct., Nov., and Dec.
same price all four months and May
109 5/8; oats, No. 2 white, 47 1/4 for
cash and Sept., 47c; Oct., 45c. Bar-
ley, No. 3, 60c, No. 4, 59c; flax,
No. 1, nor western cash, 125c; Oct.,
127c; and Nov. 126c.

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To meet those objections, it has been decided:

FIRST—To extend the period of the offer from October 26th to December 20th. This will enable the successful competitors to start work at Alberta College directly after the new year, a much better time than the first of November would have been; **SECOND**—

Instead of awarding a Scholarship only to the person sending in the largest number of subscriptions arrangements have been made to present a scholarship giving a full year's tuition in the business course at Alberta College to every one sending in one hundred subscriptions at \$1.50 apiece.

Subscriptions for eight, six and four months, at \$1.00, 75c and 50c respectively, will count as parts of a full subscription. Thus a person sending in two six months' or four three months' subscriptions will be credited with sending in a yearly subscription.

By this arrangement there is no danger of anyone's work being thrown away and none who exert themselves will be disappointed.

Those who make an effort to secure the required number of subscriptions and do not succeed in reaching the total required will be allowed a liberal commission on all that they send in.

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What the Crops are Like in Ontario.

Some information that may be of Value to Those Who are Apt to Make Invidious Comparisons.

Alberta farmers who may be discouraged with the weather conditions and the yield of crops, by reading the following paragraph from the St. Thomas Ont. Times concerning one of the richest agricultural districts in Ontario, will learn that there are places a good deal worse off than Alberta.

"A Rodney despatch gives the following concerning the season's crops: Oats are yielding even worse than they promised. Seventeen to eighteen bushels per acre will be about the average yield; many fields will not even do this much. Barley and peas are yielding fairly well, but the acreage sown is not very large. Where wheat came safely through the cold winds of April and May it is yielding very well. The frost of July 2 did a good deal of damage to the latter varieties, which were in blossom at that time. The principal varieties grown are Dawson, Golden Chaff, Ontario, Red Clawson and Prosperity. The acreage of wheat to be sown this fall will not be as large as usual. Farmers mostly sow bean ground to wheat, but this season the beans will be too late. Beans are a very uneven crop this year. The July frost damaged hundreds of acres. Many forked the land and replanted, but from the appearance of the fields it is almost a waste of seed. Even if the harvest is favorable there will be very few beans for export in this district. The great bulk will be required for seed next year. Corn is earing well, but will require three weeks of good weather free from frost to ripen. The season has been a very peculiar one all through. Frost seems to have been hovering near all the time, ready to drop down at a moment's notice. Fruit of all kinds has not been so scarce for years. There will hardly be enough apples in the township to supply the local demand. But if there has been a partial failure in the crops there has been no shortage in the hay crop.

The bounty offered by the Provincial Government on coyotes, timber wolves and their pups comes none

too soon. The bounty is rather small but we trust it will prove sufficient to induce those who are skilled in hunting them to reduce their number and diminish their boldness, rather than wait till the fur becomes more valuable and secure their reward in that way.

The average farmer has neither the time nor the skill necessary to success in coyote hunting. There are those, however, who delight in it and make money out of it, but to them it has been the part of wisdom to wait till the fur reached a high state of perfection before undertaking to kill them and he was looked down upon by the hunting fraternity who could wantonly kill a pup, no matter how great a damage it might inflict on the farming community.

The damage sustained to date has been great and each day brings reports of new losses. Mr. Melton of Clover Bar, detected one in his hog lot and in the act of carrying away an eight week old pig. As Mr. Melton had no weapon with him, the brute escaped. He thereupon erected a dummy which thus far has been the means of keeping them away. Philander Jones tried the same scheme but Mr. Jones' dummy appears not to have been sufficiently threatening in his attitude, for the coyotes paid no attention to him. One day Mr. Jones spied a coyote in line with the dummy and himself and fired a shot at it. The coyote appears to have accused the dummy of committing the deed for it has given the place a wide berth ever since.

Sunny Alberta.

Lacombe for the second time within a year suffered serious loss by fire on Saturday when the Queen's hotel block, as known by that name though no longer used for hotel purposes, was completely gutted. It was occupied by Fulcher's drug store, Cameron and Brown, tailors; S. J. McIntyre, clothier; and Reid, barber. Switzer's general store, adjoining, was also badly damaged, the total loss reaching \$25,000.

Red Deer Board of Trade is taking up the question of a box factory being established in that town. They also are asking the department to make a customs port of entry.

Vermilion Conservatives have elected the following officers: President, H. N. Stephens; Vice-President, N. Murray; Sec.-Treas., S. R. P. Cooper; Executive committee, E. M. Brown, D. H. Winters, J. H. von Haast, W. F. H. Thompson and H. W. Brown.

Tofield has now a Board of Trade with these officers: C. E. Jamieson, druggist, president; Chas. Swift, lumber merchant, vice president, and R. L. Stidson, manager of the local branch of the Merchant's Bank, secretary treasurer.

The Northern Bank has bought from G. W. Greene the property on Ross avenue, Red Deer, now occupied by the Red Deer Agency and will erect a commodious building thereon.

On a recent Sunday the new Anglican church at Blackfalds was dedicated by Bishop Pinkham, Rev. G. C. Edwards being inducted as the first vicar.

A project is under consideration to build a telephone line from Nanton to Brant and on to High River.

Much sorrow has been caused in the Stettler district by news of the death of Dr. Sykes, of Content, who occurred recently from an incurable malady from which he was known to be suffering before he left for the east. His death occurred at Campbellford, Ont.

The A. Mendonald Co. may erect a two or three storey block in Lethbridge on the site of their present establishment.

The estate of Thomas Gibson, who was killed at the Reliance mine, last March, has commenced a suit for \$10,000 damages.

Somebody has started a report to the effect that the United Workers and the Society of Equity will unite and nominate candidates for the House of Commons in the constituencies of Macleod and Medicine Hat. The Frank Paper says F. H. Sherman would be the nominee in the latter riding.

Vermilion is now lighted by gas. It is ahead of every other place in Alberta in that respect, except the natural gas lighted town, Medicine Hat.

A farmer north of Vermilion grew some corn this year. A few days ago he brought 85 dozen ears into the town and the Signal says he secured 25 cents a dozen for them.

The Conservatives of Victoria held a convention on October 10th at Vermilion to select a candidate for the House of Commons. Leader Borden addresses a mass meeting there on that day too.

The Red Deer Presbytery has been divided and the new Presbytery of Lacombe formed.

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H.S. Hogg

AUTUMNAL.

The robin sings in the rain and the first leaves fall; Withering sunflowers fling their "tarnished gold by the wall; Hedge-fruits ripen and drop in copious and lane;

And I am glad from my heart that the years return not again. Mayflowers fade with May and are past and gone; Butterflies live their day and the year goes on; Yet the heart that was blithe with the flower and the butterfly Lingers and lives and outlives while the years go by.

The end of the tale is best and the close of the song. For the heart that has beat too fast, that has beat too long; And my heart is glad that the years return not again— Glad that the first leaves fall and the robin sings in the rain.

Rosamund Marriott Watson.

Despite Dr. Johnson's dogmatic assertion that "a man can write just as well at one time as another if he will only set his mind to it," and "that to temperance every day is bright and every hour propitious to diligence, I still cling to my own idea on the subject that weather and the mood of the moment are two strong factors that go to make for the success or failure of an article. I thought of this as I lay in bed this morning drearily contemplating the slushy looking roof a short stone's throw from my window. The man or woman who can rise above the wet and gloom of those shingles I said to myself is a genius, for me they only spell coal bills, disaster for the patient, fine fellows out in the country whose very existence in a measure hangs on the fickle favor of the sun and hardship and empty pocket-books generally.

I am not fond of lonely bored-looking money receptacles that yawn with an awful emptiness when you're fishing for stray bills for adorable hats and pretty frilly frocks.

When I rose to dress a little later I saw that Her Lady of the Stray Flakes was already ashamed of the little flurry into which she had thrown herself—also us—and that she was now in a more melting mood. Down the cheeks of the long-pointed roof her tears were already stealing—but I was in no mood for forgiveness.

"You've stolen from me my ideas," I tumbled, "I know you're like the man or woman who takes away another's reputation 'dreadfully sorry'—yes, but the harm's done and who gives a continental for the sorrow."

At breakfast, even my pretty German maid who is as a rule one ripple of dimples, waited on table as if I had personally insulted her. "Anything wrong?" I queried, as she upset the toast rack and nearly precipitated the coffee pot into my lap.

"Oh, just everything, that's all," she cheerily retorted. "Fire won't go, the bacon's burnt, can't wash; I don't know what's gone wrong with things."

I did, but I didn't offer to share the knowledge. "An off day" may explain a world of things to me but what would it convey to the German mind? When I left the house the gloom had even settled on a small boy who protested that it was "a beast of a day, you couldn't play outside and the furnace was acting up awfully so you couldn't even play in the den."

"If I were a wee boy then," I said, "I'd just play in the kitchen, have a grand cooker day of it, which, if you're a child or a Peter Pan you know means scraping cake dishes, making tiny paste pies, and heaps of 'queer' things grown-ups can't do."

Turning to wave "good-bye" I saw the spirit of fun and adventure in my wee son's eyes and I "knew" it's surely a "cooker day at home."

All this summer I have turned down Fourth Street on my way to town. On this street behind the Catholic School on Third is a ridiculous little love of a lawn, that always gives me a pleasant home sick.

I think it's because the few trees that dot its velvet carpet bend lower and more as if they loved their surroundings than do our airy, saucy Western poplars. I have never seen children playing under the branches, "tea-partying," but I'm hoping "I'll some day surprise them at it. The little plot was made for just such happenings. It's strange, isn't it, how such a thing apart as some one else's lawn, can carry you back home, and set you to dreaming over the dearest days in all the world; can conjure up long forgotten childhood faces, and re-people a world, long since the emptier, for those dear ones who have slipped over the hill to their long rest.

On the other side of the street (which I invariably take in on the

downward or return journey, is another favorite corner of mine where I have let my fancy stray and people as it will.

This garden fascinates because it is so reminiscent of the beautifully kept lawns and flower beds of any place east of Eastern city. The house has creeping vines running up its verandah, and here and there on the lawn are the duplicates of my trees over the way. And then the flowers—hundreds mostly, they're for thoughts—hundreds and hundreds of them and every face different. One bed I should like to bury my face in, and saturate myself with its drunken sweetness.

I think flowers bring back past days to one more than anything else except the face of an old friend, and most you grow to love them, when both alas, are dying fast.

This morning, in accordance with my usual custom, I passed my Garden of Eden rightly so called, in that knowing not its owner, it must forever remain forbidden, but the little friends of yesterday, the great soft velvety-faced blue pansies, their wine-dark blushing sisters and little White Cheeks, a thorough-bred I know, for I can see the blue blood in her veins—lay with buried faces sleeping their long sleep cut off before their time. Only one saucy black fellow with a rakish yellow eye, raised his head to nod at greeting.

Truly I am desolated!

But speaking of moods and being in the throes of composition, I am reminded that when I balk at such a day as this, and against too this reeling off of copy when my heart is not in it, that other quill drivers who devote rather distinguished company, arose in their little day and registered similar protests.

It is interesting to note that even the great Carlyle asserted that composition was a torture to him.

In 1824 in the very glamor of the beginning of his literary career, he said: "Certainly no one ever wrote with such tremendous difficulty as I do," and, he added wistfully, "shall I ever write with ease?"

Dear Carlyle, it's my first touch of real affection for him. I like human men. Johnson is one huge bore.

Anthony Trollope mapped out his work, so many words to the minute, and wrote with a regularity on the table before him. 250 words for every quarter of an hour, and his books read like it.

For him there were no such torturing questions as "How shall I begin?" "What on earth shall I say?"

One never considers him as sitting nibbling at his penholder. He had always something to say and words to express it; but real charm—no, no, Anthony, words for you came much too easily.

Mrs. Trollope, his mother, was a marvel too, in the art of composition. Beginning her first book after she was fifty years old, she wrote in order to maintain her family, as many as 114 volumes.

Southey was another methodical and rapid literary craftsman. There is a story that he once described Madame de Staël the division of his time; Two hours before breakfast for history, two hours for reading after, two hours for the composition of poetry, two hours for criticism, and so on through all his working day. "And pray, Mr. Southey," queried the French woman, somewhat unkindly, "when do you think?"

Apart from weather conditions, and independent of moods it is interesting to see what conditions various literary celebrities considered most conducive to fine writing. Needless to say a great many men famous in the world of letters received their inspiration in the flowing bowl and amid clouds of tobacco smoke.

Carlyle required absolute silence, so Tennyson, who said "I require quiet and myself to myself, more than any man, when I write." George Eliot too became irritated at the slightest noise. In the early years of her career she and George Henry Lewis lived at Richmond, and had only one sitting-room in which they did their literary work together. The scratching of Lewes' pen used to affect her nerves to such an extent that it nearly drove her wild; and when their circumstances were improved by the remarkable success of her novel, she treated herself to a separate study in which she wrote alone with closed doors.

Goldsmith on the other hand was indifferent to time, place, and circumstances and wrote with the same unaffected grace and charm under the most distressing conditions.

Jane Austen, a perfect literary artist, wrote her novel, in the common sitting room of the family with the domestic life in full swing about her. The only thing she dreaded was the untimely appearance of a visitor, not that it interfered with her work but because she was ashamed to be known as a writer, or a "blue," as literary women were then derisively called;

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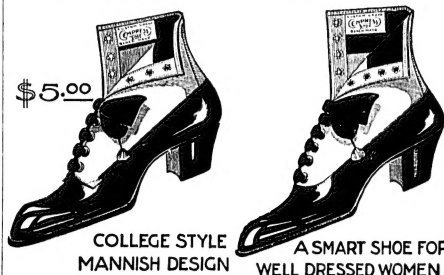


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to save her reputation she would throw her handkerchief over her manuscript till the visitor had departed.

Mrs. Oliphant and Charlotte Brontë also carried on their literary labors in the midst of the family circle. Indeed it is told of the latter genius that their family servant being extremely old and peeling potatoes very indifferently, Charlotte Brontë, then engaged in the composition of "Jane Eyre," would lay down her pen and complete the peeling, and then without any check to her inspiration, resume the thread of her narrative.

Those tragic figures, Charles and Mary Lamb, did their "Tales of Shakespeare" together, Mary taking snuff and interjecting ideas while her brother wrote and did his share of thinking.

To Lamb, a walk through crowded Fleet street proved a stimulus to his faded faculties, while other writers have found their inspiration amid the roar of London, Dickens indeed suffering from sluggishness of mind when beyond its limits.

Old Smoky he called his "Magic Lantern," and he frequently asseverated that out of sight of its motley throng and removed from the pulsation of its mighty heart his characters became wooden men.

Emerson received a great many of his ideas in the middle of the night and a great many stories are told how in the small hours of the morning Mrs. Emerson would be startled by her husband rising to write down a "happy thought" which came to his mind.

"What is the matter? Are you ill?" she would enquire; and the philosopher's soft voice would answer "No, my dear, only an idea."

So you see that one's frame of mind of the moment really has a very great deal to do with the turning out of good work, and that weather conditions and environment play a very large part in the conception of what the editors term "bright copy."

To everyone, except the Trollopes and other tiresomely brilliant people there comes moments when the brain seems paralyzed. Some force is needed to set the intellect in motion. Suddenly the imagination is set on fire by some mysterious electric spark through the agency of a book, a cup of coffee, any of a thousand trifles. It is the moment of literary inspiration, and grinding out a column becomes a positive rapture, instead of the hardest kind of hard work.

HOME AND SOCIETY

To London Town from Babylon
The pageant of the world goes by
For you, for you, I pause and con-
A Stander-By.

I see by the Winnipeg papers that the Canadian Women's Press Club had a most interesting annual meeting on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. First the reports of various officers, followed by several timely discussions, the election of officers when "Francis," Miss Barry of Montreal, a brilliant, great-souled woman was elected President, with an executive of thoroughly capable women, and the rest of the time was given over to matters of a more social nature. From "way up here" I followed the proceedings with the greatest interest. The C.W.P.C. has it in its power to accomplish big things for women journalists, and no one who knows anything of the gifted French-Canadian woman who this year will direct its destinies, doubts but that under her guidance, the club's motto of "Every Stroke Upward" will be abundantly realized.

Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull and family left on Monday for Banff where they have secured a cottage and will enjoy the benefit of the mountain air for some weeks.

Mrs. MacMahon was the hostess of the Tennis Tea on Saturday last.

Miss Shibley of Yale who has spent part of the summer vacation as the guest of her sister, Miss Laura Shibley, in town, returned to "All Hallows School" last week.

Mrs. Williamson Taylor will receive on the last Thursday of September, and every first and last Thursday of the month in future.

Mrs. Griesbach accompanied the Mayor on his trip to the Medicine Hat convention, stopping off at Maple Creek to visit Mrs. Fintopp at the Mounted Police barracks.

A bright girl who is visiting in town gives it as the Eastern point of view that every girl who comes west on a visit is positively relegated to the "Homeseeker" class.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Many are rejoicing in the gift of a sturdy young son.

On Thursday of last week Mrs. Frank Burnell Sommerville gave a delightful "tea" at the charming bungalow on Hardisty ave., when the social world of Edmonton seemed assembled en masse, to enjoy the hospitality of this young matron and to admire the pretty residence, with its exquisite flowers and abundance of attractive appointments.

Mrs. Sommerville's taste in such matters being proverbial.

Assisting her was Mrs. John Sommerville, looking very sweet and handsome in a purple costume, and becoming chapeau. In one corner of the room, Mrs. Scooble, the essence of chic, in a copper brown tailor made with hat to correspond, served a delicious fruit cup, from a lovely Bohemian glass service.

But the tea room as always, was the centre of attraction. The steam from the bubbling coffee urn, and the intimacy of watching the beverages being poured, always acts as a magnet at these popular "Five-o'clockers," and draws the merriest circles to its hospitable centre.

On Thursday Mrs. Cooper presided at the artistically arranged table, bright with a veritable shower of lovely nasturtiums, trailing over an exquisite delft lace Jap. centerpiece.

Passing the delicious refreshments were: Miss Viva and Dorothy Sommerville and Miss Florence Cameron, and among a crowd of faces I noticed: Mrs. Cross in a jaunty blue broad cloth tailored suit, with white picture hat with sweeping black plumes, Mrs. Sydney Woods in a fetching green striped silk with a smart coatee of the same, Mrs. J. D. Harrison looking lovely in a black toilette with large hat in the same quiet tone laden with exquisite flowers, Mrs. Swaisland in a pretty grey tailor made, her mother, very sweet and queenly in a handsome grey suit and smart black and white hat, Mrs. James Biggar in pretty brown crepe de chine, Miss Whitney in soft grey and charming chapeau, Mrs. Mays remarkably trim and dainty in black and white linen, with a jaunty panama hat, Mrs. McPherson very pretty in a white serge tailor made, and a great many others.

On Saturday, Mrs. McKenney of Eighth street, who, with her family had just returned from the old country in the middle of the week, sent out a hasty invitation to tea on that afternoon in honor of her guest, Lady Schultz, of Winnipeg. Despite the fact that the affair was absolutely impracticable a very large number of guests responded to welcome the hostess home once more and met the charming guest of honor.

The large reception room looked very inviting as one stepped in from gloom without, and the cheery chatter of many voices soon dispelled any depression one may have felt on the way the Weather Man had behaved.

Mrs. McKenney received her guests in a pretty gown of lavender silk voile with lovely lace garniture.

Lady Schultz, who seemed to have discovered among the guests a number of old friends, was most handsomely frocked in black silk with touches of filmy lace and some beautiful ornaments, while Miss McKenney was as always, a pretty girlish figure in a dainty frock of white muslin.

In the tea-room across the hall Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Saunders presided at a table, cheerily lit by many candles in a handsome candelabra, the center-piece being lined by a border of fragrant sweet peas, while ribbons were stretched diagonally to the four corners.

Several bright young girls, Miss Mary Harris, Miss Tilley, Miss Beck, Miss Emily Bown, and Miss Eleanor Taylor passed the delicious refreshments.

Beyond the dance given on Tuesday night by a number of young bachelors there is practically nothing else to chronicle for the week, just past. Of course a great many are nightly taking in the shows at the Edmonton opera house, and are roller skating parties galore. Au reste, things are very quiet. The Sunday night concerts at the rink are being splendidly patronized and there is some talk of a series of musicals to be inaugurated very shortly, and held in the big dining room of the King Edward Hotel but this has not yet been definitely decided on. One of the Bridge clubs of last year have again resumed play and a "500" club among the young unmarried set saw the light of day for the first time last week. There are rumors of new clubs, which are interesting gossip, but for the present I am as mum as an oyster. Contrary to general opinion the present season bids fair to be a interesting one. The Masonic Ball of next month is already attracting attention.

But to return to our dance of Tuesday, it was a very gay and cheery affair, besides those dancing a number going to look on and see the pretty women and frocks. Mrs. Anderson, the bride, was very much admired in pale blue satin with a wreath of foliage in her prettily coiffed hair; Miss Whitney of Toronto in a lovely creation of white crepe de chine with exquisite Baby Irish lace, scarlet geraniums on the decollete and slippers to correspond, looked wonderfully sweet and charming. Mrs. Biggar was daintily lovely in a smart black net frock; Miss Supple also in black over white silk, was very much admired. The black gowns were the correct thing at this dance, Mrs. Duncan Smith being handsomely frocked in a jet sequined imported robe, and Mrs. Frank Sommerville also donning the same sombre but stunning hue. Mrs. Scooble in a simple little frock of pink organdie, looked remarkably well and had more than her share of attention. Mrs. Mays wore a most becoming gown of pale yellow net with hard made garniture; Miss Rhodes was exceedingly pretty in white; Miss Gascoigne, always a radiant figure and perfect

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dancer, wore blue silk, her hair being beautifully arranged; Miss Abby Sommerville, who had just returned home, had a busy time renewing acquaintances and looked very well in a pretty pink figured organdie.

At midnight light refreshments were served after which dancing was resumed until the very early hours.

The patronesses of the jolly affair were: Mrs. J. D. Harrison, Mrs. Robert Mays, and Mrs. Scooble.

Mr. Hector Landry returned on Wednesday from Okotoks where he officiated on Tuesday as Mr. Anderson's best man, at his wedding.

The engagement is announced of Miss Augusta F. Clappett, second daughter of T. W. A. Clappett, Rathness House, Dublin, to Rev. Robert Jefferson, curate of All Saints' church, Edmonton. The wedding will take place early the coming year.

Mrs. Scooble and Mrs. Jackson will be hostesses at the Golf tea on Saturday.

Mrs. P. Percy Barnes has returned from the coast and will receive every third and fourth Friday of the month.

A quiet wedding took place Thursday morning at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Dunn, Elizabeth street, when Millie Hardwick Janowski, daughter of Mr. R. Janowski, postmaster at Fesserton, Ontario, was married to Alexander Stanley Stewart of the engineering branch of the Department of Public Works by Rev. Dr. McQueen. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart left on the morning train for Vancouver and Seattle where they will spend a short time. On their return they will reside at 321 Ninth street.

Lady Ruby Elliott will be recalled by many people in America as the second of the three pretty daughters of Lord Minto, the former Governor-General of Canada. The numerous friends of the Mintos will therefore be interested to learn of Lady Ruby's engagement to Viscount Errington, eldest son and heir of Lord Cromer of Egyptian fame. Lord Errington, who is a member of the diplomatic service, possessed of a wonderful command of Russian and Turkish, is now one of the private secretaries of Sir Edward Grey, the secretary of state for foreign affairs, and has been frequently brought into contact during the London season, which has now come to a close, with Lady Ruby, who has been in England since the spring with her mother and elder sister, Lady Eileen Elliott.

Lady Violet, the youngest of the girls, having remained in India with her father, who as viceroy is prevented from leaving that vast oriental dependency until the completion of his term of office.

Mrs. Cote returned from her visit in old Quebec with her people, on Thursday and is at present at the Cecil. Her charming new home on Seventh street has been completed in her absence, and it is a foregone conclusion that she will be kept very busy for the next few weeks, in the fascinating employment of getting settled.

On Wednesday and Thursday afternoon a steady stream of callers found their way to Mrs. Douglas McLean's post nuptial reception at her pretty new home on First street, where the bride was assisted in the reception of her many callers and old friends by her mother, Mrs. John Ross, and by the Doctor's mother, Mrs. McLean.

Mrs. McLean wore her handsome robe de nocces of heavy ivory net exquisitely embroidered with lace over ivory tulle petticoat, and looked very sweet and winsome. Her mother was gowned in a rich toilette of cerise lace over lavender silk, and Mrs. McLean wore a handsome gown of black silk with rich lace ornamentation.

The tea table, centering the coisest of dining rooms, was a dash of brilliant coloring, its central decoration of vivid crimson geraniums interspersed with amillax proving most effective. Here Mrs. S. S. Taylor of Nelson presided, wearing an elaborate costume of white satin with black lace over dress and a large white picture hat with sweeping pink plumes. She was assisted by Mrs. Hardisty, who served the ices and by Mrs. A. York who looked after the comfort of the guests.

Mrs. Harold W. Riley intends to hold her first reception since her marriage at her home 240, Eighth street next Thursday, September 28th. Her regular reception day thereafter will be the fourth Thursday in every month.

Magrath claims to be the fruit garden of Alberta. Quite a lot of raspberries, gooseberries and currants were grown there this year.

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